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NPS INVENTORY

National Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources Division

Westin Building, F 1920
2001 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98121

21-35

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(CARD 1 of 2)

Shriner Peak Fire Lookout

5. ORIGINAL USE

Fire Lookout

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1932

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Shriner Peak 0-052

6. PRESENT USE

Fire Lookout
and Backcountry
Assistance

8. UTM ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

COUNTY

STATE

Ohanapecosh

Lewis

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

OTHER

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, WA., 98304

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

Timber frame, two-story, square plan; hip roof, cedar shingles, projecting eaves; wrap around balcony, fixed sashes, rough lapped (Douglas Fir) exterior siding; wood floors, tongue-and-groove interior walls and ceilings; concrete foundation.

In 1931 Superintendent O.A. Tomlinson reported that three fire lookouts were being manned by park personnel; Colonnades, Anvil Rock and Shriner Peak. Although it is not known what kind of lookout existed then on Shriner Peak, in 1932 a private contractor (engaged in road construction on the East Side Road) erected a new timber frame lookout. Measuring 14' x 14', it was built according to a standard design drafted by the National Park Service, Landscape Division (Branch of Plans and Design) in 1932. Thomas E. Carpenter, Landscape Architect recommended the design.

Typically, the ground floor was used for storage and the one-room upper floor contained the fire finder, charts, supplies, a bed and cooking facilities. The large fixed glass windows afforded an unobstructed view of the southeast corner of the park. Access to the upper floor was provided by a timber stairway. Again, as was standard in the design, a balcony (2' - 8" wide) extended around the lookout.

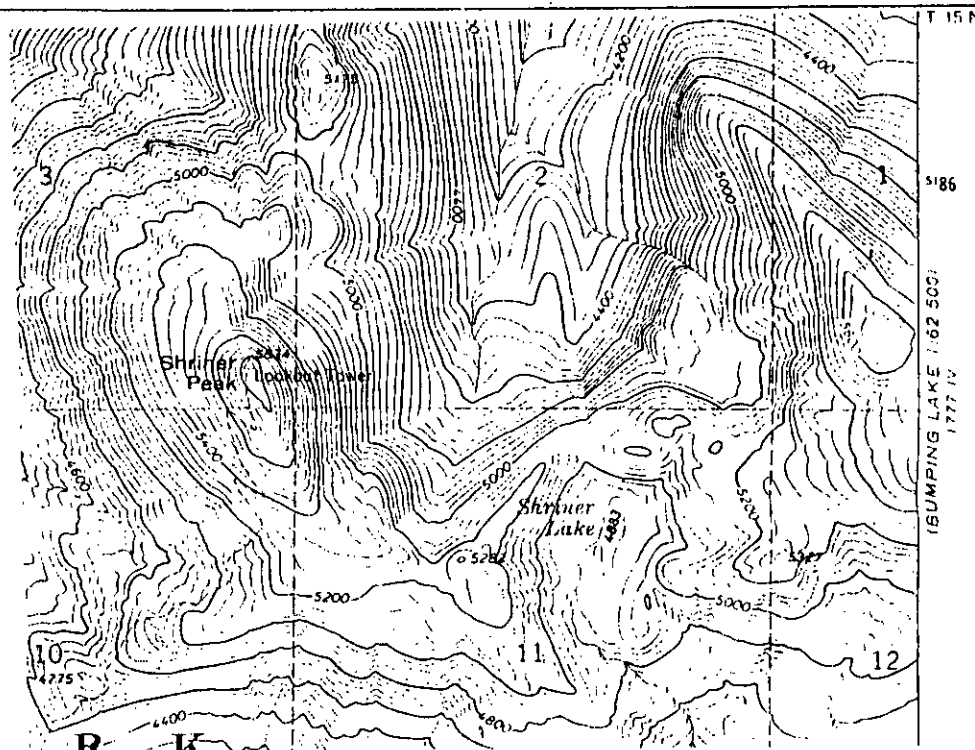
14. CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☐ NO☒ UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

The Shriner Peak lookout is one of four similarly designed lookouts built in the park between 1932 and 1934. Located approximately in each corner of the park, these structures are the remnants of a once extensive lookout system at Mount Rainier.

17 PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

☐ YES, LIMITED ☐ YES, UNLIMITED
☒ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS

☐ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS ☐ HAER-1 ☐ HAER ☒ NPS ☐ STATE
☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

Building File 0-052, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park. Prepared by Waterhouse, 1932 Report on Construction Activities (with photos); drawing and photos, 1962.

Original Drawing, "Standard Lookout Tower-Type No. 1, For All Parks," rec. by Thomas E. Carpenter, Chief Landscape Architect, NPS Landscape Division, 6/14/32 (MORA DRG. NO. 95-B).

Robert N. McIntyre, "Short History of Mount Rainier National Park," unpublished manuscript, 1952, Archives, Mount Rainier National Park, p. 148.

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AFFILIATION

MORA Cultural Resources Survey

DATE

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Shriner Peak Fire Lookout

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Fire Lookout

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10 DATE

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Shriner Peak Lookout undoubtedly saw a great deal of activity in July of 1934 when a large fire burned 630 acres of park land. Communications were carried out by telephone to the fire central center at Longmire. Superintendent O.A. Tomlinson commended the Emergency Conservation Works (ECW) personnel for their labors in containing the blaze.

In the mid-thirties, radios were installed in all the lookout stations. During the peak of their operation, Mount Rainier National Park was served by seven lookout buildings. With the advent of aerial surveillance after the second world war, the importance of the lookout stations declined. Shriner Peak is one of few remaining lookout buildings in the park. It is currently used for backcountry assistance and as emergency backup for fire watching. The lookout remains fully equipped for fire detection.

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☐ RUINS

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(SPECIFY THREAT)

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☐ UNKNOWN

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